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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - SECRETARY RICE IN MIDEAST
- TOKYO

1. LEAD STORIES: Wednesday morning's Yomiuri gave top play to plans by the Ministry of Defense to provide the US military with intelligence collected by the ASDF's Base Air Defense Ground Environment (BADGE) system in the event of a contingency in areas surrounding Japan.

2. "US Wins Support for New Iraq Policy" Cairo correspondent Murakami of the conservative Sankei wrote (1/17): "Secretary of State Rice, currently visiting the Middle East, met Monday with Saudi King Abdullah in Riyadh and asked him to support President Bush's new Iraq policy.... Secretary Rice's visit to the Middle East is aimed at winning support for the new policy from moderate Arab states eager to act as mediators. Rice, who also met Monday with Egyptian President Mubarak and other senior officials, has generally been successful in (her aim).... It appears that these moderate Arab states are supporting the new US Iraq policy in the goal of gaining a greater voice in what Washington does in the region. During their meeting Monday, Rice obtained an agreement from Israeli Prime Minister Olmert to meet with Palestinian President Abbas in about three or four weeks, a move demonstrating America's commitment to the Palestinian issue. Nonetheless, given present US policy toward Israel, the US is unlikely to heed Arab calls to seek peace by applying pressure on Tel Aviv."

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